

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 2 remain in the application. The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukumitsu et al. (6,141,052) in view of Wakabayashi et al. (5,903,706). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner took the position that Fukumitsu et al. discloses a body having a keyboard thereon, a display section mounted on a pivotable opening and closing movement with respect to the body having on a first face thereof, a display face for displaying an image. The Examiner took the position that the display section included an image pickup means for picking up an image (item 18), accommodating means for accommodating the image pickup means therein and supporting means for supporting the accommodation means at portions thereof for turning motion in a vertical plane over an angular range of approximately 180 degrees outwardly between a first position and a second position. Applicants respectfully traverse this reading of the Fukumitsu et al. reference.

First of all, Fukumitsu et al. discloses four embodiments of his invention as shown in Figures 2, 5, 9 and 10 without differentiating between the degree of movement of any of the embodiments of the invention disclosed therein. Fukumitsu et al. does not disclose movement of a camera body within a 180-degree position as positively recited in claim 1. Fukumitsu et al. merely says that the main body can be freely turned within a predetermined angle range. While the embodiment of Figure 2 has no upper limit, enclosing the camera, each of the other embodiments do and it would be impossible for the camera mounted in the embodiment shown in Figures, 5, 9, and 10 to rotate within a 180 degrees of movement. Moreover, the Fukumitsu et al. camera is only mounted at one end and does not have supporting means for supporting said accommodation means at portions thereof at the proximity of the opposite ends of a tubular shape. Fukumitsu et al. as noted by the Examiner does not disclose a tubular shape.

To rectify this deficiency in Fukumitsu et al., the Examiner turned to the Wakabayashi et al. reference for its alleged teaching of an accommodation means with a substantially tubular shape. However, Wakabayashi et al does not disclose the tubular

supporting means positively recited in claim 1 herein in that that the Wakabayashi et al. tubular member is not supported at its ends at the opposite ends of the tubular shape but is supported totally within a cylindrical housing and not at its ends. Accordingly, there is no teaching or suggestion in either Fukumitsu et al. or Wakabayashi et al. to mount an image pickup means for rotation through 180 degrees of movement by supporting the image pickup means at its ends in a cylindrical or tubular shape. Accordingly, a combination of Fukumitsu et al. and Wakabayashi et al. fails to disclose or suggest that which is positively recited in claim 1.

The Examiner also rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukumitsu et al. in view of Wakabayashi et al. as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Isashi (5,898,600). The Examiner recognized that neither Fukumitsu et al. nor Wakabayashi et al. disclose a display section which further included a sound fetching means disposed so as to be capable of fetching sound, not only when the pickup means is at a first position but also when said image pickup means is at the second position.

Since claim 2 depends on claim 1, the basic combination of Fukumitsu et al. and Wakabayashi et al. is not met and therefore claim 2 is also patentable for the reasons outlined above. In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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